GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2794
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NATIONAL GALLERY OF ARTS IN BANGALORE
H.G. RAMULU

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have already taken a decision to start the National Gallery of Art in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the amount allocated for the same during 2000-2001; and

(c) the present status of the said proposal ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : The Government of Karnataka has handed over the Manikyavelu Mansion, Palace Road, Bangalore to Government of India on a lease basis, for a period of thirty years. This building will be used for setting up of the Bangalore branch of the National Gallery of Modern Art. During the year 2000-2001, an amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs has been earmarked under capital works for the renovation of the said building by CPWD.Further, an amount of Rs.3.50 lakhs has also been provided in the budget at the Revised Estimates stage, towards office expenses of this branch.